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1. WE FIND IT NOTEWORTHY THAT, UNLIKE LAST YEAR
WHEN PRC SPOKE IN FAVOR OF COMITE OF 24 CONSIDERATION OF
PUERTO RICO, CHINESE MADE ABSOLUTELY NO STATEMENT DURING
THISY YEAR'S DEBATE, LIMITING THEMSELVES TO VOTES IN FAVOR
HE HEARING INDEPENDENTISTAS AND OF RES CRITICAL OF U.S.-
PUERTO RICAN RELATIONSHIP. CUBAN PERMREP'S RECENT CRITICISM
OF CHINESE (REFTELS) MAY WELL BE PART OF EXPLANATION, AS
WELL AS A POSSIBLE DESIRE NOT TO BECOME EMBROILED WITH U.S.
ON THIS ISSUE.

2. EARLIER IN SUMMER, DURING TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL
SESSION, MOST DELEGATES SPECULATED PRIVATELY THAT CHINESE
DECISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE RESULTED FROM UNWILLINGENSS TO
CRITICIZE PUBLICLY U.S. STEWARDSHIP OF MICRONESIA (TTPI).

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THIS SPECULATION BORNE OUT BY PRC REP'S COOL REPLY, DURING

CHANCE MEETING AT RECEPTION TO CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA'S
LEGAL COUNSEL UDUI WHO SOMEWHAT FACETIOUSLY INQUIRED ABOUT
INVITATION TO VISIT CHINA. HE WAS TOLD TO APPLY IN OTTAWA
OR PARIS FOR A VISA AND THE CONVERSATION (IN PRESENCE OF
MISOFF) WAS THEN ABRUPTLY BROKEN OFF BY CHINESE.
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